REMARKS

The applicants have voluntarily amended the specification to remove some extraneous text.

Regarding the claims, claims 1-10 and 17-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Barna et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication Number 2002/0046277, hereinafter "Barna") and claims 11-16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Barna in view of Applicant Admitted Prior Art. Respectfully disagreeing with these rejections but nonetheless amending the claims, the applicants request reconsideration of the outstanding rejections.

Independent claims 1, 17, 27 and 29 all recite the transfer (i.e., conveying or receiving) of the PPP context information and the traffic information concurrently (i.e., simultaneously or at least without substantial delay therebetween). The applicants do not see that the cited art teaches or suggests any time-relation between the transfer of PPP context information and the tunneled data traffic. See e.g., Barna page 2, section 0016 and page 4, section 0035 and 0037, as cited by the Examiner. If the Examiner is of the opinion that Barna somehow does teach some time-relation, the applicants request that the Examiner provide precise support for such a teaching and explain exactly how Barna makes this clear so the applicants may respond.

Since none of the references cited, either independently or in combination, teach all of the limitations of independent claims 1, 17, 27 or 29, or therefore, all the limitations of their respective dependent claims, it is asserted that neither anticipation nor a prima facie case for obviousness has been shown. No remaining grounds for rejection or objection being given, the claims in their present form are asserted to be patentable over the prior art of record and in condition for allowance. Therefore, allowance and issuance of this case is earnestly solicited.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned, if such communication would advance the prosecution of the present application. Lastly, please charge any additional fees (including extension of time fees) or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 502117 -- Motorola, Inc.

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